

Class 5 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022

Welcome back! Class 5 promises to start in exciting fashion this Autumn Term as you will hopefully see from this newsletter. I will be teaching Class 5 until the end of Christmas term, supported by Mrs Heale and Miss Gibbs. We have already started in style with some awesome poetry and breath-taking Japanese artwork! The children are already showing determination to do well this year. Mrs. Curtis will return to St Williams and Class 5 after Christmas but I have been working closely with her to make sure the children have continuity, make great progress and have fantastic learning opportunities across the whole year. This newsletter outlines just a few of the exciting activities and topics that we have lined up this term! always for your support and I look forward to speaking to you all again over the following weeks. Best wishes, Mr. P. Bostock

As Geographers, we continue to develop location, place and human/physical knowledge through our study of the 2011 Japanese Tsunami. We will look at the causes and effects if this event socially, economically and environmentally. We have established a contact at UIBS (University of Tokyo) who will be hoping to answer the children's questions directly.

In PE, we will develop our knowledge and skills across invasion games and fitness; starting with tag rugby. PE lessons take place on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct kit to participate. We are currently arranging several sports competitions and activities with other schools so watch this space for exciting news in the future!

In maths, we continue to develop our arithmetic skills daily. Our units of study include place value, operations, fractions and measurement. Please continue to use resources such as Timestable Rockstars, Teams and LBQ (Y6) at home to really help support your child's learning in class.

Homework tasks are regularly set weekly on Friday to be completed by the following Tuesday. Most tasks will be set online through the Deepening Understanding website and will link to work in class. In addition to this, the children have a range of online resources that they should use regularly, including EdShed, MyOn, Accelerated Reader, TTRS and LBQ. If you require paper-based materials, please contact me so this can be arranged.

As Historians, we will be looking at 'Conflicts over Time' after half-term, looking at some of the most notorious battles historically and globally as we develop our chronological understanding.



Reading continues to be of extreme importance in all of the subjects we are learning about. Your child has a green reading record and book to look after and update. We also ask the children to access MyOn at home as often as possible to develop their reading skills further. Please ensure that your child is reading every day and updating their journals regularly.

In class, we undertake regular comprehension activities. Our poet of the year is Valerie Brooks and we also have some fabulous class texts to read too, starting with Kensuke's Kingdom.

As scientists, we have started to look at the topic of animals, including humans. In this area of biology, we will be looking at gestation periods for mammals, the human embryo and foetus and human development from early childhood into adulthood. Our significant scientist to study will be Professor Robert Winston.